

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Currently amended): An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 80% identical to the amino acid sequence ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ SEQ ID NO: 4, ~~6-22, 25, 29, 31-39, and 40~~, the translated protein coding portion thereof, the mature protein coding portion thereof, the extracellular portion thereof, or the active domain thereof.

Claim 11 (Original): A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 10 and a carrier.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A polypeptide, having alpha-2-macroglobulin-like activity, comprising at least twenty consecutive amino acids from the polypeptide sequences ~~selected from~~ the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4, ~~6-22, 25, 29, 31-39, and 40~~.

Claims 13-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Original): A kit comprising the polypeptide of claim 10.

Claims 26-30 (Canceled)